

The Times' Daily Short Story.

THE COWBOY.

(Original.)

Jack Arnold was his name. It was supposed to be an assumed name, for he was educated and not likely to use his own while a cowboy. It was not known that he was a college bred man and an athlete, for he never told them so. He was not a graduate; he had taken so much interest in fairs and boxing gloves that he had no time for study. When he was sent away from the university he didn't go home; he went west and took the first job offered—punching cows.

He was sitting in the Alhambra saloon with a glass of whisky before him. A party of men were at the bar, among them Traphagan, the worst man in the territory. A little Mexican girl came in with an empty beer bottle and asked for a quarter's worth of "your most," meaning the most the bartender would give for that sum—that is, the poorest. She pushed against Traphagan, who, looking down and seeing a greaser girl, batted her with the palm of his hand and sent her sprawling on the floor.

Arnold was a fool to give way to impulse with a man like Traphagan. He should have either shot him or let him alone. He gave him a blow under the jaw and sent him after the little greaser. Traphagan was quick to draw, even though on the floor, but one of the party caught his arm, and the bullet went through the roof.

"Fists or nothing!" cried the crowd, and Traphagan, accepting the issue, went at his adversary for a boxing match. He was done up in two rounds. He acknowledged his defeat and set up a round of drinks for the crowd, including Arnold, insisting that the victor should drink. Arnold accepted, keeping his eye on the man while drinking.

One day later on Arnold was riding after cattle. Traphagan was following him at a distance with a rifle. Presently the latter came upon the body of a man with a hole in its skull. Evidently there had been a murder. Traphagan looked at it and was struck by an idea. Dismounting, he took the murdered man's belongings, a few small articles, then rode on.

Some hours later he found Arnold smoking on the veranda of a tavern and slipped the dead man's property into his pockets. Then he went in to the bar and told those gathered there that he had seen a murder and Arnold was the murderer. They all went out, awakened the sleeper, searched him at Traphagan's suggestion and found the articles.

The dead man was identified, and the articles found on Arnold were proved to have belonged to him. This, with Traphagan's evidence that he had seen the murder, was sufficient.

In the undeveloped state of justice in that region, to satisfy the natural self constituted court, but those who had seen the frisks between the prisoner and his accuser gave an account of it and, showing a motive, threw discredit on Traphagan's testimony. The judge was puzzled.

"I dislike much," he said, "when I've heard one side of a case to hear the other. It all mixes me up." While he was deliberating what to do, who should appear but the little greaser girl whom Arnold had championed and said she had seen the murder.

"Who done it?" asked the judge. She pointed to Traphagan. The judge, if he had been puzzled before, was now thrown into absolute confusion. "This case is a bad 'un," he remarked, "and I see no way outen it but to hang 'em both."

"Why not let us two who have been accused of the murder fight it out?" said Arnold.

"That's a good idea, judge," one of the men who had seen the frisks between the two and longed to see another. "Let 'em decide it with fists."

"Make it guns," said Traphagan, "and I'll agree."

"No," said the judge reflectively. "I've heard the witnesses tell that the cowboy, who's a little feller, topped you, a big feller, without a gun, and I think it's for the edification of this yere community to have him show us how he done it. My decision is that the weapons be fists and the fight comes off at once, the man that gets licked to be hanged."

This satisfied all parties except Traphagan, who saw the tables turned squarely against him. Nevertheless he was obliged to submit. A ring of on-lookers was formed, and the battle began.

Arnold saw the advantage of pleasing the court and played with his antagonist. New and again he permitted him to gain an advantage, but never to get in a blow, but after every advantage he gave his accuser punishment—not enough to knock him out, but to show his own skill. It was interesting to men who knew no weapon save powder and ball to see the big man toyed with by his smaller antagonist. Finally when Arnold saw that Traphagan was likely to fall to come up to the scratch he landed a blow that sent him half a dozen yards and down. This ended the battle.

Arnold, now that he was safe, was unwilling to see his enemy branded for a crime of which there was such slight proof that he was guilty. He took the greaser girl aside and asked her if she had really seen Traphagan commit the murder.

"No, sir," she replied. "Have you told this lie to save me or to punish him, or both?"

"Both."

Arnold, whose skill in the ring had won him great favor with the judge, used it to secure Traphagan's acquittal.

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AMUSEMENT NOTES.

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Catchy music, excellent dancing, gorgeous costumes, magnificent lighting, dramatic effects and uproarious fun marked the opening production of Yale's Everlasting Devil's Auction, at the academy. There was not a dull moment in the whole three hours.

It would be a hard task to say which of the many startling effects of this extravaganza was the best. The comic ballet divertissement and the Volcano



of Hades in one act, the magic picture gallery in act two with its side splitting encounter of Toby and Chaos, and the magnificent transformation scene in act three were all of the highest type of scenic art.

As laugh makers, George Topack and Steve Gunders, who filled the roles of Toby and Chaos respectively, are the best seen here for some time. Flora Browning, as Janet the milkmaid, was captivating, and in her several specialties made a decided hit. Miss Aubrey as Carlos, and Miss Gilmore, as Countess von von much applause, and Miss Elmer, as Christaline, the fairy princess, in her beautiful costume looked the part to perfection. Her songs were repeatedly encored. Miss Edna West, as Medline, about whom what slight plot there is in the piece revolves, did some good work.

No acrobats and wire artists ever seen here can compare with the four Therapists. They were a show in themselves and some of their feats were simply marvellous. The performance will be repeated tonight and tomorrow night with a Saturday matinee—Halifax Chronicle.

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WAR CLOUDS GATHERING

Mexico Severs Diplomatic Relations With Guatemala

OUTCOME IS AWAITED

An Assassination the Cause—Extradition of Gen. Lima and Col. Bone, Charged With Killing Gen. Barillas Is Refused.

Washington, May 7.—The state department has received information to the effect that diplomatic relations between Mexico and Guatemala have been terminated. The outcome is awaited with apprehension.

Mexico City, May 7.—El Diario published a story yesterday to the effect that the Mexican government will send an ultimatum to Guatemala giving it the choice of either extraditing General Lima and Colonel Bone, charged with complicity in the assassination of General Barillas, formerly president of Guatemala, or facing a severing of diplomatic relations.

The paper says that the story comes from a high official source.

Many things have occurred recently to cause trouble between the two countries. The assassination of Barillas in Mexican territory is only one of them.

The Mexican legation at Guatemala city was searched Monday last week by Guatemalan authorities to ascertain whether there were sheltered in it Guatemalans who were suspected of complicity in the attempted assassination of President Estrada Cabrera in Guatemala city that morning while the chief executive was riding accompanied by his staff.

The search was made on the invitation of Minister Gamboa, as soon as he learned of the suspicion of the Guatemalans. The fact that the Mexican legation was suspected of being an asylum for criminals caused indignation and excitement.

It has been learned from a reliable source that the Mexican government is preparing for an emergency. Rumor has it that 30,000 men are being fully equipped for a two months' campaign, and that troops are being rapidly moved in small numbers to the Guatemalan frontier. Official confirmation of this rumor cannot be procured, but the source of the news is of the best. It is said by this same authority that there is a great likelihood of Mexico making a demonstration of pending questions are not settled officially.

LABOR NOTES.

The International Association of Machinists will inaugurate the eight hour day on May 1 in New York, Hoboken and Jersey City. The machinists now work nine hours, except in the navy yard.

A milliners' union has been organized in Chicago, with, it is claimed, the backing, moral and material, of Mrs. Potter Palmer.

Corporation Counsel Ellison of New York city says of the construction of the new Manhattan subway about to be commenced that it favors a contract calling for an eight hour day and the work to be performed by citizens of the United States.

The New York branch of the Printers' League of America has been organized by about fifty employers, who have 2,000 employees.

The South Carolina legislature passed the "ten hour bill," which limits the time of labor in cotton and woolen mills to ten hours a day.

Growth of the Iron Molders. Reports from the general headquarters of the Iron Molders' Union of North America are to the effect that 7,880 names of molders and coremakers were added to the membership rolls during 1905. Since the sick benefit fund of the union was established, Jan. 1, 1906, this union has paid out to its members in sick benefits \$1,254,250.60. The transactions in 1906 for this fund showed an income of \$102,745.00 and an expenditure of \$176,770, leaving a balance credit for the year of \$15,945.00.

Can't. Cant, meaning meek humility, took its name from the Rev. Andrew Cant, a minister in Aberdeenshire, who during the time of the Covenanters, was famed for his whining and pretending fervor.

First Union Flag. The first Union flag was unfurled on the 1st of January, 1770, over the camp at Cambridge. It had thirteen stripes of white and red and retained the English cross in one corner.

IN THE SPRINGTIME.

This following simple prescription, which anyone can prepare at home, is said to restore the kidneys to perfect health, forcing them to filter all poisons and acids from the blood, overcoming rheumatism, even in its worst form.

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WRINKLES OF FASHION.

Hand Painted Lace the Vogue—Spring Millinery Notes.

Hand painted lace is the last cry in Paris. It is made of coarse net with muslin flowers applied in design and hand painted in natural colors.

Large hats are raised at one side or at the back, and masses of tulle, wanes or ribbon and flowers fill in the angle.

All the popular spring flowers are used upon the spring hats. One very lovely helmet shaped hat is wound with heliotrope silk while at the side there is a shower bouquet of violets falling upon the hair, with a few chiffon loops and ends. It is inexpensive, but becoming and beautiful.

Crochet buttons of silk and linen are extremely smart and are to be had in



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all colorings. Buttons of tortoise and other shells, enriched with gold or mock jewels, are fetching.

One of the new hats is of tobacco brown with a wide brim. At the back there is a cascade of brown feathers.

The uncured feather, looking wild to the unaccustomed eye, graces many a hat, and the feather that stands up straight, all uncurled and shaded at the tip, is also seen. Truly there is an assortment in the feathers of today.

Checked suitings are very smart this season. In the cut is one that combines an attractive little Eton coat with one of the favorite skirts that are tucked in clusters.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

Modern Parsceism. Modern Parsceism is the direct descendant of the fire worship of the Medes and Persians.

Walrus.

Walrus are particularly keen of scent and hearing and quickly terrified on smelling or hearing strange things. They are not, however, long sighted and take little notice of a crouching man so long as he remains motionless.

A Wonderful Memory. Hortensius, the Roman orator, had a memory so wonderful that, on a wager, he spent a whole day at an auction and at night repeated all the sales, the prices and the names of the buyers.

Wood and Iron Ships. An iron ship weighs about 20 per cent less than a wooden ship of the same dimensions. Its walls are thinner, and it will carry about 10 per cent more cargo on less draft of water.

Women in Abyssinia. In some portions of Abyssinia the men mark the ears of their women as if they were so many hogs.

Live Sponges.

Live sponges furnish homes for oysters, mussels, crabs and other small animals, which often live in the sponges their entire lifetime. Sometimes the creatures grow too large to get out, remaining until they die.

STRIKE TIES UP 'FRISCO

Telephone Operators and 8,000 Ironworkers

ADDS TO THE CONFUSION

Peacemakers' Efforts Fail—Committee of the Civic League Meets With Rebuff From the Leaders Involved.

San Francisco, May 7.—The city is again in the throes of a bitter strike. For the third time since the disastrous fire a year ago, the San Franciscans are walking because of the declaration of a strike on all the street car lines in the city by the car men's union. Added to this tie-up is the strike of the telephone girls and of 8,000 iron workers. Without transportation facilities and inadequate telephone service business is being greatly handicapped.

A committee from the Civic league, yesterday endeavored to bring about a settlement. The committee called on Henry T. Scott, president of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company; President Calhoun of the United States railways and President Cornelius of the car men's union, and requested the in the interests of the city and of the public to submit the differences to arbitration. The committee met with positive refusal.

The car men have organized an extensive picket detail at each car barn. The pickets are changed every four hours, and, according to President Cornelius, have been instructed to permit no violence.

Large crowds yesterday surrounded the car barns at Turk and Fillmore streets, where 100 strike breakers are lodged, but though there was looting and jostling no overt act was attempted. Heavy shutters and iron screens have been placed at the windows of all the bar and car houses. At the car barn at Hayes and Central avenues, where is situated the company's principal commissary department, great preparations are being made to prepare for the housing and feeding of a large number of strike breakers.

A Few Don'ts For Workingmen.

Don't forget that organization increases wages and shortens the working day, making work steadier.

Don't condemn the labor movement because you know of "objectionable features." Every man and every human institution has some imperfections.

Don't "wait for the others." Others are waiting for you. Some must be among the first. Why not you?

Don't forget that the more bitterly the employer opposes labor unions the more the employee should support them. There's a financial reason. Think it over.

Don't shirk the moral obligation to do all you can to uphold the dignity of your trade, to elevate the standard of living, to do better always.

Don't forget that the vast majority of your trade is unionized and advancing through organization. What is good for the majority is good for the minority. —James J. McPhillips in American Federationist.

Shark Eggs.

According to Professor Costa, the period of incubation in shark eggs is about nine months.

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